

Program with her dedicated volunteers loading up groceries for Christmas dinner, toys for the kids, and smiles for all to receive.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Carolyn Rose for all that she does for our community.

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HONORING ASSEMBLYMEMBER LUZ RIVAS

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor California State Assemblymember Luz Rivas.

Luz was raised by her single immigrant mother and spent her childhood living out of converted garages and back houses in Pacoima. She became the first woman from San Fernando High School to graduate and attend MIT, where she received her engineering degree. Luz then went on to Harvard and achieved a master's degree in education.

After working as an electrical engineer at Motorola, she came back home and started a nonprofit, DIY Girls. DIY Girls inspires thousands of girls every year to believe in themselves and pursue a career in STEM.

Luz was elected to the California State Assembly in June 2018 and continues to serve communities she was raised in, the northeast San Fernando Valley.

As our assemblymember, she is a fierce advocate for all families, expanding education opportunities, and creating green spaces for our communities across our State.

HONORING GOSPEL MUSIC PERFORMER SANDRA CROUCH

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sandra Crouch, gospel music performer, Grammy Award winner, and copastor at New Christ Memorial Church in Pacoima.

Sandra and her twin brother, Andrae, who is no longer with us, were raised singing gospel music in the church their father founded. Like her brother, she pursued a career in the music industry.

In 1984, she won a Grammy Award for her album "We Sing Praises." On this album, she gave moving performances of songs such as "My Soul Only Loves You" and "No Greater Love."

Sandra's powerful voice continues to enrich the hearts of many in her congregation and community, and we honor her accomplished career and dedication to her community.

SHORE UP OUR AVIATION WORKFORCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, as I have said on many occasions on the floor, I am a businessman, and we face a myriad of challenges out there, not just small business but medium and large business, as well.

I also sit on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Aviation Subcommittee and, in doing so, have

been talking with numerous people in the aviation industry, either talking to them or listening to them in hearings. There is one thing that has been a common theme out there, and that is workforce challenges.

It seems that the cost of joining the aviation family is keeping a lot of people out of choosing this vital career. As the demand for passenger and cargo transportation increases, pilot and mechanic recruitment isn't keeping up.

That is why, today, I am proud to introduce the Aviation Workforce Development Act. It is a commonsense proposal to give Americans who want to pursue a career in aviation, on the ground or in the air, the same tools as those seeking 4-year degrees, with zero increased cost to taxpayers.

This bill will allow Americans with 529 plans to use their money to attend FAA-certified pilot and mechanic training programs. That is it. It is just another way for students to save for a career in aviation.

I thank Representatives JIMMY PANETTA and MIKE KELLY and Aviation Subcommittee Ranking Member STEVE COHEN for co-leading on this effort. I also give a big thank-you to DREW FERGUSON, LUCY MCBATH, JULIA BROWNLEY, and RUSSELL FRY for joining us as original cosponsors.

Mr. Speaker, I am calling on all Members to join us to help empower more Americans to take to the skies and shore up our aviation workforce.

ENERGY AND CLIMATE RIPE FOR BIPARTISAN COOPERATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. PETERS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, energy security and climate action are ripe for bipartisan cooperation in this Congress. Unfortunately, H.R. 1 is a partisan grab bag that fails to meet the challenge before us and reverses our climate progress in many cases.

H.R. 1 would eliminate the methane emissions reduction program, the greenhouse gas reduction fund, and energy efficiency and electrification incentives that reduce energy demand and costs for Americans, all vital components of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Last week, climate scientists issued their starkest warning yet that the world must cut emissions by 60 percent by 2035 to limit the planet's rise in temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius. We don't have time to waste refighting the battles of last year.

Some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have said they don't want a bill that favors one type of energy over the other. The problem is that their bill, H.R. 1, explicitly favors fossil fuels. It ramps up oil and gas leasing and exploration over the clean, affordable fuels and technologies of the future.

Right now, pipelines that carry fossil fuels are already expedited and given regulatory exemptions, while trans-

mission lines, which transmit electricity long distances from all energy sources, don't get the same preferential treatment. The current system favors fossil fuels, risking our energy and climate security.

Look, it is not all bad. There are pieces of H.R. 1 that I believe we can work together on—a better process for determining the level of review to apply to a project, reusing existing data instead of reinventing the wheel at each step, and creating presumptive timelines for reviews so that projects are not indefinitely stalled. I am more than willing to admit that NEPA, a law from 1970, can be updated to meet today's challenges. In fact, clean energy permit reform is required to meet our climate goals, but this proposal fails to match the scale of our climate challenge.

The current power grid took 150 years to build. To get to net-zero emissions by 2050, we have to triple its size in the next 30 years.

According to Americans for a Clean Energy Grid, North America has built just 7 gigawatts of interregional transmission since 2014, less than half of that in the United States, so let's say 4. South America has built 22, Europe 44, and China 260 gigawatts of interregional transmission.

We currently have enough wind, solar, and storage projects in the pipeline to power nearly 85 percent of our economy, but 80 percent of those projects could be canceled due to insufficient transmission.

This decade, we will need to deploy solar and wind at five to six times our historical record pace. We need to be laser-focused on making it easier, not harder, to build clean energy because all the money in the world can't solve the climate crisis if we leave it in the bank or don't move fast enough.

Our country prides itself on accomplishing big things together, whether it is winning a world war, constructing an interstate highway, or discovering the next big medical breakthrough. During World War II, San Diego war factories built a bomber an hour to help combat fascism and support our Allies. During COVID-19, we developed a vaccine in less than 2 years when 10 to 15 years is the norm. Today, we are debating whether a decade is an appropriate amount of time to construct one single transmission line, an offshore wind facility, or a geothermal plant.

With a climate crisis that requires us to move at scale and speed orders of magnitude greater than ever before, we can't be bogged down in reviews and litigation before we even begin to build a given project.

We can fix our judicial review processes to protect vulnerable communities while preventing wealthy NIMBYS, corporations, and bad actors from blocking essential clean energy projects, which is what is happening right now.

We can reduce the level of review for climate projects on non-sensitive land

while ensuring that polluting projects remain heavily scrutinized.

What we can't do is simply stand by and accept the status quo that is bogging down clean-energy projects that will combat extreme weather and climate catastrophes that threaten vulnerable communities, endangered species, and stable economies.

Mr. Speaker, I am ready for us to get to this vote on a bill that has no chance of becoming law to get it out of the way so that both sides can come together to work on a bipartisan solution. I invite any of my colleagues to come to me and to talk to Chairman WESTERMAN, who has been working with me on that kind of bipartisan solution. The future of our planet depends on it. We have no time to waste.

WELCOMING JOE GARCIA AND MICHAEL MORASCO

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I acknowledge and welcome Joe Garcia and Michael Morasco, members of the Escondido City Council, to Washington, D.C. It is my great honor to now represent that wonderful city in Congress. I look forward to working with them.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN PATRICK KILBRIDE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. D'ESPOSITO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a veteran, public servant, and fellow brother in blue, John Patrick Kilbride, better known as Jack.

Jack Kilbride was a man who lived a life of service to the people of America, his fellow Long Islanders, and his comrades from the United States military.

Indeed, as a young man and recent graduate of Division Avenue High School in Levittown, Jack enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1967, at the height of the Vietnam war. Jack was sent to Vietnam as a member of the India Company in the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment, where he fought valiantly at Khe Sanh and earned two Purple Hearts.

After catching malaria, Jack was sent home, only to be redeployed to Vietnam for a second tour with the 9th Marines, also known as the Walking Dead, a reputation they earned through their valor in combat.

After his honorable discharge from military service, Jack joined the ranks of the Freeport Police Department back on Long Island, where he served that community faithfully for 18 years, also as a member of their PBA.

Upon his retirement from the Freeport Police Department, Jack continued his life of public service by joining Congressman Pete King's staff as his military congressional aide, a position he held for 10 years.

Jack's remarkable record of selfless service truly distinguished him in the community, but Jack was not just a committed public servant. He was also a dedicated family man, as well.

Jack was a loving husband to Virginia, known to many as Ginny; a father to Michael, Kelly, and Kristin; and grandfather to 12 grandchildren, who lit up his world and knew him best as Pop.

He was also the brother to Marine Corps Major Chuck Kilbride, a great man who works on Long Island to make sure underprivileged children see the blessings of the holiday season each and every year by leading our Toys for Tots program.

Upon Jack's death, he marked the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Marine Corps League, and Law Enforcement Foundation as his friends and comrades in arms.

On this day, I join many friends, and my friend, Major Chuck Kilbride, in remembering the life and legacy of John Kilbride, a man who lived his life in service to his family, his community, and this great Nation.

New York's Fourth Congressional District truly lost an incredible, selfless neighbor, but Jack's memory will live on forever.

May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. PRESSLEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Transgender Day of Visibility.

I am introducing my bill, the Name Accuracy in Credit Reporting Act, legislation that is informed by the lived experiences of transgender and nonbinary people throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and our country.

My bill will rectify the inequities and inaccuracies in credit reporting, which disproportionately impact transgender and nonbinary people.

During their transition, many transgender people choose to legally change their names. However, even after their legal name change is finalized, their credit report continues to deadname them, or refer to them by their prior name.

Deadnaming a trans person in their credit report comes with many harms to one's mental health and financial well-being. When external entities like potential lenders or employers receive the inaccurate credit reports, transgender folks are exposed to discrimination and harassment in credit services, housing, and employment.

Further, some trans and nonbinary consumers have reported that when they change their name, the credit bureaus fragment their credit report, resulting in a loss of credit history and a drop in their credit score.

My bill will improve accuracy in consumer reporting and increase access to housing, jobs, and credit for transgender and nonbinary people by

preventing their unfair denials that result after a name change.

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The status quo is unjust, inaccurate, and unsafe for transgender and nonbinary people. We know that the credit bureaus can easily make these changes. They do this every day when people change their name to get married. It is past time that we realize trans justice is economic justice.

My bill has the support of key advocates and trusted voices, but most importantly, it is endorsed by transgender and nonbinary people who have been impacted by these issues. I am a firm believer that the people closest to the pain should be the closest to the power, driving and informing the policymaking.

On this Transgender Day of Visibility, may we, as Members of Congress, renew our efforts to condemn transphobia in all of its forms. The rhetoric is harmful, the policy is violent, and it stands to harm our most vulnerable and marginalized communities.

May we stand with trans students who deserve to learn in a school environment free from hate. May we stand with the parents who are raising trans children fighting to make a safer world for them. May we stand with the community organizers, movement builders, and status quo disrupters who are on the front lines of trans liberation. May we do more than espouse the values of equality and freedom but actually practice them to include all people.

When we say Black lives matter, that must include Black trans lives. In the fight for human rights, we must affirm that trans rights are human rights. When we evoke the words of Fannie Lou Hamer that nobody is free until we all are free, that must include our siblings in the trans community.

No doubt, the trans community, our neighbors and loved ones, have experienced disparate harm, hardship, and violence. But the transgender community is certainly much more than their pain and trauma. I thank them for showing up every day as their authentic selves and living their lives unapologetically. I thank them for the roles they play every day as public officials, as small business owners, as veterans, and more.

This is true across our country, including in my district, the Massachusetts 7th.

Organizers like Tre'Andre Carmel Valentine, who advocates for trans and nonbinary folks and has established a leadership academy to create new opportunities for employment and education.

De'zyre Dupree Lewis, who serves as a lead community health worker helping residents throughout the district access needed care.

Armani Pasqual, another leader who is dedicated to transformational change and manages a reentry program and combats hunger among those experiencing housing insecurity.